- BY BRET HARTE. I'm sitting alone by the fire,
 Dressed just as I came from the dance
 In a robe even you would admireIt cost a cool thousand in France.
 Pin bedramened out of all reason,
- My hair is done up in a cue— i short, sir, the bells of the season Is wasting an hour on you. A dozen engagements I've broken, I left in the middle of a set, Likewise a proposal half spoken, That waits on the stairs for me yet. They say he'll be rich when he grows up. And then he adores me indeed, And you, ar, are turning your nose up. Three thousand miles off swyou read.
- And how do you like my position?

 And what do you think of New York?
 And now in my higher ambition
 With whom do I waitt, dirt, or talk?
 And isn't it nice to have riches,
 And diamonds, and silks, and all that?
 And ain't it a change from the ditches
 And tunnels of Foverty Flat?
- Well, yes, if you saw us out driving,
 Each day in the park, four in hand
 If you saw poor dear mamma contriv
 To look supernaturally grand;
 If you saw papa's picture, as taken
 By Brady, and tinted at that,
 You'd never suspect he sold bacon
 And flour at Poverty Flat?
- And yet just this moment, when sitting
 In the giare of the grand chandeller.
 In the bustle and gittler beatting
 The finest soires of the year,
 In the midat of a gouze de chambery,
 And the hum of the smallest of talk,
 Somehow, Joe, I thought of the Ferry,
 And the dance that we had on the Forl Of Harrison's barn, with its muster, Of flag festooned over the wall, Of the candles that shed their soft little
- And fallow on head dress and shawl, of the steps that we took to the fiddle, of the dress of my queer vis-a-vis, And how once I want down the middle, With the man that shot Sandy McGee. Of the moon that was quietly sleeping
- On the hill, when the time came to go,
 Of the few baby peaks that were peeping
 From under their bed Dethes of snow;
 Of that ride that to me was the rarest;
 Of the something you said at the gate;
 Ah! Joe, then I wamn't an heires.
 To the best paying lead in the State,
- Well, well, it's all past—yet 'tis funny To think, as I stood in the glars Of fashion, and beauty, and menoy, That I should be thinking right there Of some one who breasted high water, And swam the North Fork, and all that, Just is dance with old Folinbee's daught "The Idly of Poverty Flat."
- Good night—here's the end of my paper, Good night—if the longitude please— For may be, while wasting my taper, Your sun's elimbing over the trees. You know, if you haven't got riches And are poor, ésarest Joe, and all that, That my heart's some where in the ditches, And you're struck it on Foverty Flat.

the portico belonged was a tottering, tumble-down affair, very much awry, and looking not unlike a man intoxicated who | ter—" began Silas; but the Judge broke is uncertain about his standing in the in with apparent surprise.

"Oh, that's it! you have been already orld. And the surroundings were in eeping with the house. The fences keeping with the house. The fences seemed to possess the same helplessness, and straggled about without regard to division lines, while the garden-patch was laid out with the mathematical pre-

Mrs. Bronson, a care-worn, sharp-featured woman, seemed to be greatly disturbed, and her fingers worked nervously as she gathered up the few dinner dishes. "Ye did know better. Ye had sense enough to know your family wars."

with us. But you can't have more than four shares, Bronson!"—with a playful tap on the back—"and you needn't pay more than half down. That will be enough to carry the thing through, I twas the stranger's turn now to hesitate. He scrutinized the certificates very think." sense enough to know your family were out of clothes, the house an' place needed fixin' up, an' ye kept promisin' ye'd get this? With a nature weak and yielding, he was surprised and flattered to learn of that oil well of his'n, where ye'll never

brightened. Visions of a home fixed up, hoping against hope that something of comfortable clothing for rerself and might come from them after all. nly, began to flit before her eyes, all. When the letter came containing the long looked for check Silss went up to the village bank to get the money, and there he fell in with a certain Judge Fay. That smooth, glib-tongued specu

did not seem to notice his embarassment; he locked arms with Silas, and began

applying the remark to both office and been boring for oil for some time past,

"To be sure it is not a very large sum for a man of your means," continued the Judge; but it is nice to get such things, and it will do to get a suit of clothes and a few knick knacks, maybe. And that makes me think, Bronson—where is it you get your clothes? My wife often says: 'Now, Judge Fay, if you only had the taste of Mr. Bronson about dress!' Then, as a man went hurrying says: 'Now, Judge Fay, if you only had the taste of Mr. Bronson about dress!' Great Petroleum Company' that has But then, bless me! I haven't or I would struck oil?"

"Bout then, bless me! I haven't or I would look as tasteful on Sunday as you do."

"Why, of course it's a petroleum company that has family banker, he sends pretty regn-But then, bless me! I haven't or I would look as tasteful on Sunday as you do."

The Judge wascareful to say "Sunday," pany," replied the man, hastening on.

"I jest knew it! Hoorray for Gineral Jackson!" shouted Silas, throwing his best hat recklessly into the air, much to best hat recklessly into the air, much to

Tour sum's elimbing over the trees.
You know, if you haven't got riches
And are poor, dearned sto, and all that.
That my heart's somewhere in the ditches, and you're struck it on Foverty Flat.

A TRANSACTION IN STOCKS.

"Well," drawled Silas in his weak, uncertain way, "may be I don't know beans—folks say I don't, an' more'n likely they know; but then 'taint my fault if I don't. I was born that way, an' I don't see as how I kin help it."

Mr. Silas Bronson was standing on his portico, or what passed for one, when he uttered the above. The house to which the portico belonged was a tottering.

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Col. Clark and 'Squire Hardy have all taken stock, and our minister, the Rev. Mr. Norris, expects to invest. The stock is only a trifls—five hundred dollars a share.'

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"Yes—five hundred dollars—uncommon cheap, I should say, stammered Silas. "But then, ye see, I hain't got the money—that is, to spare, jest now. I'm sort of poor, like."

"Poor?" echoed the Judge; "a man of your means talking about poverty. What is a paltry five; hundred to you!"

And the speaker snapped his finger as if the sum mentioned were insignificant beyond measure. "Why, man, I'll warrant you have more than that with you now!"

"Yes, I've got four shares," replied

considering the matter? I might have known Col. Clark would speak to you about it. When I told him of my proposed company last week he saked if you were in it, and he said, 'If Bronson takes hold I will, because whatever Bronson takes hold I will be wil "No, 'taint my fault," continued Silas; "I did the best I knew how with the money."
"No ye didn't," answered Mrs. Bronson, sharply, from within the house.

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takes hold I will, because whatever bronson takes hold of is sure to succeed. Those were his very words; and so he spoke to you himself? Well, I am glad on the whole he did, and that you are going in with us. But you can't have more than four shares. Bronson!"—with a playful

out of clothes, the house an' place needed fixin' up, an' ye kept promisin' ye'd get all these things when ye got some money. But ye didn't get the money, and ye never would have got it if Providence, as it were, hadn't a just chucked it into your face by that uncle dyin' off there in California an' leavin' ye a thousand dollars. And then, like a born idiot, you must needs give it all to Judge Fay to sink in that oil well of his'n, where ye'll never

Silas was quite willing to keep silent on a disagreeable subject. A well-meaning but shiftless man was Mr. Bronson, not inclined to work, with little knowledge of business, and no practical sense to direct what knowledge he had. On Mrs. Bronson fell the real burden, and had it not been for her sagacity and executive ability poor Silas would have fared badly. In spite of her efforts, however, the fortunes of the family were getting at a low ebb, and her complaints of her husband's amiable inability were becoming frequent—mere frequent than Silas liked.

"Don't be always a frettin', Maria," he said one day. "Luck's agm us, I allow, but it'll change pooty soon."

"Not unless ye work for 't,' answered Maria, not reliaining such serome resignation. "They do say that Providence takes care of lazy people and fools, but I do not set no great store on't."

But "luck" did change after a while. An uncle of Mr. Bronson died conveniently off in California, and among other bequests left one thousand dollars to his name was a pure in mortal to bring back the money, and with heavy heart the poor woman placed the matter; neither, under Maria's careful management, did he thereafter investment men and shrewd financiers withal. Then the struck oil; secondly, the company had not commenced to dig yet; and, thirdly, the and Judge Fay, Cok Clark and the track and the commany had not commenced to dig yet; and, thirdly, the and Judge Fay, Cok Clark and the commany had not commenced to dig yet; and, thirdly, the and Judge Fay, Cok Clark and the track and in Pennsylvania, nor anywhere else; therefore Silas's story must be false. But the "Great Petroleum" had not commenced to dig yet; and, thirdly, the and Judge Fay, Cok Clark and the more silas in the "Great Petroleum" had not commenced to dig yet; and, thirdly, the commenced to dig yet; and, thirdly, the "Great Petroleum" had not commenced to dig yet; and, thirdly, the company had not commenced to dig yet; and, thirdly, the "Great Petroleum" had not commenced to dig yet; and the work of

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"Halloo, Bronson! How do you do? Clad to meet you; just the man I wanted to see."

"Pooty well, thank ye," answered Silas, smiling weakly. He felt considerable awe of the Judge, and began to wonder what possible business that great man could have with him. But the Judge pany were on the eve of striking oil—a story Silas had frequently heard before. story Silas had frequently heard before, but this time a sudden thought came to

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"Yes, I've got four shares," replied "I know; but then I thought I'd bet"I know; but then I thought I'd bet"Bacan Silas: but the Judge broke" "What will you take for them?"

"Don't know as I keer about sellin',"
answered Silas.
The stranger picked up the certificates
and looked at them carefully, and then, apparently satisfied, he said:
"I will give you three thousand dol-lars sede for them."

Silas shook his head. Another shake of the head.

think." And what could poor Silas say to all glosely, meditated a moment, and then

himself into a very pleasing state of com-placency indeed. sensation his story produced! Every body in the little village talked and won has oil well of his n, where ye'll never hear on't again."

"Well, I did as well as I could," again pleaded Silas.

"Of course ye did well." emphasized Mrs. Bronson with an unconcious pun.

"That old oil well will keep the money safe enough, I reckon; ye'll never get it back."

Then Mrs. Bronson said no more, and Silas was quite willing to keep silent on a disagreeable subject. A well-meaning but shiftless man was Mr. Bronson, not the mean while; he piled on the "soft meanwhile; he piled on the "soft was the enly one of the "Great Union Petroleum Oil Company" who realized anything on the stock. People wondered about that, too, and Judge Fay explained session of 'the one thousand dollars, and Silas found himself the owner of four beautiful lithographed certificates of stock, calling for five hundred dollars each.

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they are not as good as you are accustomed to, but they are imported, and I think them very fine."

Silas meekly accepted a cigar, lighted it, and then said, "They are very nice"

when he passed out mot the street after breakfast he found everybody talking about "the great strike" of the preceding night. It seemed that a new company, composed of Eastern men, had dations are provided.

Parallel to the Tichborne Case.

away in silence.

"That was a comfortable little windfall you had—your uncle dying off there in California and leaving you that money," he said at last.

"Yes," answered Silas, beginning to feel complacent. "Toler'ble nice little pile on'b—a thousand dollars. Got it this mornin'."

"To be sure it is not a very large sum for aman of your means," continued the A curious parallel to the story told by herd, and for several years kept sheep for a farmer. One day, while packing up something in a piece of an English newspaper, his eye was caught by an advertisement stating that his father had the family banker, he sends pretty regularly for money, but he has never, like the claimant now in prison, sent to a dif-

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be locked arms with Silas, and began talking in a very familiar and confiential manner as they walked along.

"How are your family, Bronson? By the way, those are mighty smart. Wish mine of yours—mighty smart. Wish mine were equally se. My children frequently speak of that little boy of yours; they attend the same school."

"I haven't any boys; they're all girls; it's Jennie maybe ye mean," mildly suggested Silas.

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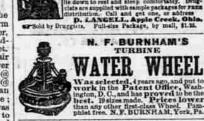
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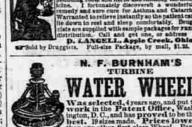
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